

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 18-20 are rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,787,247 issued to *Norin et al.* Claims 7-17 are allowed. Claims 1 and 18 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 teaches that “if a first resource identified in the manifest file does not exist at the second member, preventing a second resource identified in the manifest file from being executed; and when the first resource exists at the second member, allowing execution of the second resource.”

In contrast, *Norin et al.* teaches terminating user access to a data set, replicating changes to the data set elsewhere on a network, and then deleting the data set. (col. 5, lines 3-30) Applicants’ claim 1 recites limitations that are outside the scope of the teachings of *Norin et al.* At least in part since *Norin et al.* recites nothing about “if a first resource identified in the manifest file does not exist at the second member, preventing a second resource identified in the manifest file from being executed; and when the first resource exists at the second member, allowing execution of the second resource,” the cited reference does not anticipate or make obvious the invention as claimed in Claim 1.

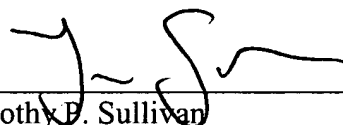
Independent Claim 18, as amended, includes limitations substantially similar (albeit different in other important ways) to the limitations claimed in the currently amended Claim 1. Furthermore, Claims 2-6, 19 and 20 are dependent on allowable base claims and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons that the claims on which they depend are allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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